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Sir:

The non-final Office Action of June 20, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application is acknowledged. A response to the Office Action of June 20, 2001, is being submitted herewith.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c) and 1.98, attached hereto are a copy of a European search report in the English language mailed on August 29, 2001, in connection with a European counterpart of the present application; copies of U.S. Patent No. 5,473,609 and Japanese reference 4-76791 (with English abstract) cited in the European search report; and a form PTO-1449 listing these two references.

Also cited in the European search report are PCT reference 96/07270, German reference 41 21 506, and European reference 0 669 761. These three references were cited in the

Information Disclosure Statement of October 15, 1999. The Office Action of June 20, 2001, includes a copy of the form PTO-1449 from the Information Disclosure Statement of October 15, 1999, marked by the Examiner to indicate that these three references have been considered.

Japanese reference 4-76791 is not in the English language.

The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese reference 4-76791 required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) is provided by the English abstract of this reference, and by the discussion of this reference in the European search report.

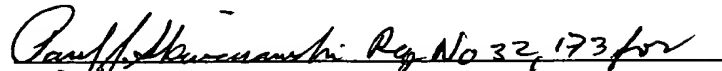
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1) and 1.97(e)(1), on information and belief, I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that this Information
Disclosure Statement be considered.

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